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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Edward R. Coss, Jr., :  
Petitioner, : CASE NO. 1:CV 01-0878  
Vs. :  
JAMES MORGAN, Superintendent @ :  
SCI SMITHFIELD, et al., : JUDGE(S) CALDWELL, BLEWITT  
Respondents. :  
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MOTION TO APPOINT COUNSEL  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. §3006(A)(2)(B)<sup>1</sup>

AND NOW COMES the Petitioner, Edward R. Coss, Jr., in  
propria persona, averring the following forthwith:

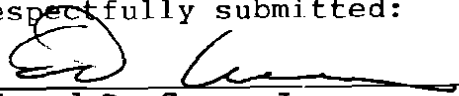
1. The Petitioner has filed a valid writ of habeas corpus  
pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254 with this Honorable Court.

2. The Petitioner requests this Honorable Court to appoint  
counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006(a)(2)(b) to assist with the  
hereinabove petition and in support thereof he avers the following:

- (a) the interest of justice standard requires  
appointment of counsel, hence, the Petitioner's  
claim raised in said writ has arguable merit,  
an evidentiary hearing should be warranted and  
Petitioner is unable to afford counsel.

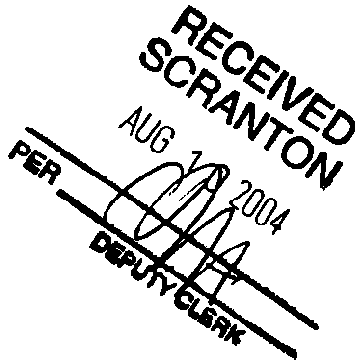
WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests counsel be appointed.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Edward R. Coss, Jr.  
In propria persona  
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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the appointment of counsel, the Petitioner requests  
that counsel is ordered to amend the writ. However, if counsel is not  
appointed in this case, the Petitioner requests he be granted leave to  
file an amended writ, as well as a brief in support of his claims.

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